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Your 102, July 22.

Foreign Minister told me today that he has no definite information about the individual asylees in Mexican Embassy Guatemala and their release will be dependent upon what the Guatemalan Government says to them regarding the matter. In other words, if the Guatemalans give them proof of criminality they will be turned over to them.

As regards sending asylees to Russia or other iron curtain countries Padilla Nervo said that they would be glad for any solution that leaves these people in Guatemala or sends them elsewhere than to Mexico. They will be guided throughout by the provisions of the Montevideo and Habana conventions on asylum and if Guatemala gives a safe conduct for Russia and Russia agrees to receive them Mexico will be happy to turn them over for that purpose.

As to Communist exiles from other parts of Latin America the Minister said that while these have not been and will not be limited to a certain area in Mexico as in the case of the Guatemalan exiles, in which latter case it is necessary to prevent their trying to make trouble along the border or organize expeditions, etc., these other exiles not having come from Mexican embassies abroad are under the jurisdiction of Gobernacion and are under its close supervision. He said that Gobernacion has informants within its ranks who report whenever there is going to be a meeting or demonstration and fully report what happens at the meetings and Gobernacion keeps a strict control with daily reports of all activities and keeps them effectively.

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